मीटर लाईन :

7 दिल्ली कैंट-जयपुर-उदयपुर-अहमदाबाद-वेरावल-पालीताणा-दिल्ली कैंट ।

8 मद्रास-एर्यम्बूर-पांडिचेरी-कारक्काल मैलादुतुरई-तिरुचिरापल्ली-मदुरै-रामेश्वरम-तंजाऊर-चिदम्बरम-मद्रास एग्मोर ।

Setting up of Budget Hotels

5788. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRIMATI ILA PANDA:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways have decided to set up 100 Budget Hotels on their land to facilitate tourists;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have also decided to invite private sector for these ventures;

(c) the criteria fixed for opening these hotels and the places where they are likely to be set up, with details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Railways have prepared a long-drawn programme with the consultation of Cabinet Secretary for receiving five million tourists in the next four years;

(e) if so, whether the Railways have also agreed to introduce 8 new tourist trains on identified circuits;

(f) whether the Railway Minister has also proposed to introduce 2 more Shatabadi trains in the country; and

(g) if so, by when a final decision in regard to the above mentioned proposals are being worked out ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Locations have been identified. Project is in a conceptual stage. Participation of private sector entrepreneurs in development of the scheme is not ruled out.

(d) Action Plan for inviting 5 million tourists by 1996-97 has been prepared by Department of Tourism.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) Shatabadi Express between Bombay Central and Ahmedabad has already been introduced with effect from 1-5-94. During 1994-95, it is proposed to introduce Shatabadi Expresses on the following sectors:

(i) Reverse Shatabadi Express between New Delhi and Kalka.

(ii) Between New Delhi and Amritsar: and

(iii) Between Madras and Mysore.

Dhubri-Guwahati passenger train

5789. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to resume the running of Dhubri Guwahati passenger train at an early date; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be resumed ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) W.e.f. 10-1-94 25A/26A Passenger provided between Guwahati and New Bongaigaon in lieu of erstwhile 25/26 Dhubri—Guwahati Passenger. Restoration of 25/26 Dhubri—Guwahati Passenger on its entire route is under consideration.